

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
<i>In re</i> application of: Nazarenko, I., et al. Appl. No.: 09/599,594 Filed: June 22, 2000 For: Primers and Methods for the Detection and Discrimination of Nucleic Acids	Confirmation No.: 8750 Art Unit: 1637 Examiner: Fredman, J. N. Atty. Docket: IVGN 246

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **May 28, 2008** (the “Action”), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks for the above-captioned application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the Amendments and Remarks are provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or additional fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided with this electronic filing. However, if additional fees are due (including fees for net addition of claims), or if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §

1.136(a), and any fees that are required are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3994.